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FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

Attorney Docket No.

4254-0001

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ENTITLED: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREPARING FIBRINOGEN  
ADHESIVE FROM WHOLE BLOOD

the specification of which:

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